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<p>1. Forwarded under separate cover is a copy of the report prepared by undersigned for Mr. Jonathan Dean, head of the U.S. Delegation to MBFR, of a discussion held with GRCAMERA at the request of Mr. Dean.</p> <p>2. The background to this meeting is that GRCAMERA's publication has consistently carried reports on the deliberations of the MBFR delegations which have been accurate and therefore indicative of the existence of "inside" sources who were manifestly violating the overall agreement that no information would be given regarding the MBFR preliminary deliberations. We originally were requested to determine who the sources might be, which we have not been able to accomplish in terms of hard facts. Analysis of the articles and rumors picked up by [] lead us to believe that the primary source of leaks has been a ZUHORN spokesman; we further speculate that that spokesman has been acting on behalf of CKPOLAR although this can be debated. Some articles pertaining to discussions held only by NATO delegates further suggests that at least one Western source is at work: our prime suspect is the MHBURSH delegate. Overall, our conclusion is that GRCAMERA's publication, and his MBFR expert, are being used for political action purposes, variously by East and West, now that he and the</p> <p>Continued . . .</p> <p>Attachment: Memo of Conversation - 1 copy - under separate cover</p> <p>Distribution: 3 - Chief, European Division w/att (1 copy) - u/s/c</p> <p>E-2 IMPDET</p> <p>S/C ATTEND TO [] 7 MAR 13</p> <p>CS COPY</p> <p>12 MAR 1973</p>				
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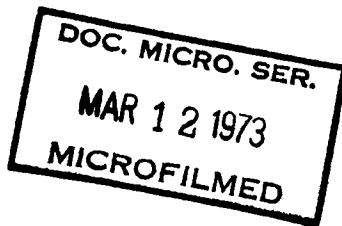
publication have established themselves as the possessors of "inside" contacts knowledgeable of MBFR deliberations.

3. Accordingly without attempting to determine from GRCAMERA who the source or sources might be, and acting on behalf of Mr. Dean we advised GRCAMERA that we believed his coverage of MBFR to date had been a net assest to the CKPOLAR side and offered to broker a meeting between him and Mr. Dean, with the results noted in the separate cover attachment. On the whole, we feel the exercise was a useful one and has given GRCAMERA food for thought, although his personal view of MBFR -- strongly influenced by some of his MHBRUSH contacts -- is unlikely to make much change in his current coverage. We expect to arrange a session with Mr. Dean at some point in the near future, which if nothing else will undoubtedly be illuminating and afford undersigned useful practice in the German language.

4. Considering the eminently local and tactical nature of this topic, we regard it as unnecessary to disseminate the memorandum to WOGULF or any other customer and forward it purely as part of the file record on GRCAMERA. The WOGULF representative with the U.S. MBFR delegation has, of course, been fully advised of the matter.

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22 February 1973

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Dr. Otto Schulmeister, Chief Editor, Die Presse
 FROM:

Reporting Officer called on Dr. Schulmeister in his office on 21 February and initiated discussion by making the following points:

A. The articles regarding MBFR which have been appearing in Die Presse have had the effect of supporting Soviet tactics.

B. The motives of sources providing Die Presse information regarding MBFR need to be weighed against the diverse viewpoints and tactical objectives of the several participants; and

C. The head of the U.S. Delegation was prepared to discuss the U.S. viewpoint with Dr. Schulmeister.

Dr. Schulmeister responded in his typical fashion with a lengthy philosophical dissertation whose substantive points directly responsive to my comments were:

A. He has in the past few days been told by contacts in diplomatic circles (including Italian Foreign Minister Medici on 21 February) that the MBFR articles are "causing a stir," but

B. He is personally "over-extended" in the management of the newspaper (including financial aspects which he implied were unfavorable) and is devoting his remaining energies to questions of internal Austrian politics, particularly the current controversy about government control of

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Austrian radio/TV, hence cannot take on any additional responsibility; thus,

C. He has not personally addressed himself substantively to the MEFR stories, delegating decision on content and placement of the articles to the author of the stories, Dr. Engelbert Waschietl (whom he characterized as "intelligent but young -- 32 -- and inexperienced -- six years on the staff of Die Presse") and the latter's immediate superior, Foreign Editor Ludwig Marton; but

D. In light of my comments, he will review with his staff the possibility that some information is being leaked to Die Presse to serve the political/tactical ends of one or another participant or bloc.

Dr. Schulmeister talked mainly about the "feeling of uncertainty" he contends is general among Western European nations about the true policy of the U.S. Government in security matters affecting them. Making frequent reference to his own well-established pro-USA record, he echoed the fears he claims exist among Western European leaders that the actual objective of the United States is to withdraw its military presence from Europe. He made frequent reference to the "perils" of "secret diplomacy," including the opportunity it provides the Soviet Union to use public media to foster feelings of uncertainty about U.S. intentions toward Europe.

Dr. Schulmeister, while commenting that he would welcome opportunity "sometime" to hear an explanation of U.S. views on European security from the head of the U.S. Delegation to MEFR, made explicit that he does not intend to assume any substantive role in his paper's treatment of MEFR. He recommended instead that Mr. Dean, or his representative, meet with Dr. Waschietl, and that the U.S. Delegation establish continuing substantive contact -- not now in existence according to Dr. Schulmeister -- to ensure that Dr. Waschietl is at least aware of the U.S. viewpoint, perhaps thereby helping to put the stories he writes in a context we find more acceptable. (Dr. Schulmeister commented that

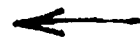
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he would not guarantee that the U.S. viewpoint would be adopted by Die Presse: for this "he could only offer us the advertising section").



Dr. Schulmeister ruminated that he might soon write a lead editorial about American "Secret Diplomacy." There are clear overtones in his comments of the familiar Western European fear of U.S./Soviet agreement "over the heads" of the nations concerned. Dr. Schulmeister also indicated that he believed West German political leaders were skeptical of MBFR implying that he shared this view. It appears likely, therefore, that Die Presse will continue its efforts to publicize the MBFR deliberations, seeing this as a piece of the newspaper's crusade against "secret diplomacy."

Distribution:

Original - Mr. Dean, Head US Delegation MBFR

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